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Morale

1. The most bitter feeling exists among Polish soldiers because of long duty hours, monotony and poor living standards of relatives at home. Adherence to religious practices, such as attending church, is frowned upon and propaganda is directed against it. [redacted] permitted those Catholics who were off duty on Sunday to go to church in nearby villages as there was no authorized means of performing their religious duties in the unit. If these men attended church, it was their own concern. Chance hearing of Voice of America and BBC programs has caused soldiers to doubt the

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existing regime and its propaganda about living standards. As a result, soldiers foul up on marches and in drills, are lazy and inefficient, and become more and more involved in drinking and chasing women. Caricatures and jokes about Soviet and Polish leadership and leaders appear in unusual places.

2. Since May 1951 there has been a special drive against drunkenness affecting both officers and EM. In May 1951, an order was released authorizing leaves and/or passes to be initiated through and granted by the WOP Bn CO only. The military authorities said this action was necessary because "the bourgeois class in Poland was making the soldier rotten". Passes restricted men to the immediate area. Authorized leaves in WOP were as follows: for EM, six to seven days; emergency leave, six days; for officers, 30 days per year. The battalion schedules officer leaves in January of each year.

Polish Youth Organizations

3. The largest youth movement and youth club in Poland is the ZMP (Zjednoczenie Mlodziezy Polski - Polish Youth Union). The ZMP has the primary mission of indoctrinating soldiers and civilian youth with Communist ideology. The youth is told what they should and must believe and to what propaganda they should listen; ZMP members are 12 to 14 years old. In the military forces, the ZMP has three meetings per month with a specific indoctrination program. At each meeting some specific topic is selected and a lecture given, eg Western Intervention in Korea.
4. The LPZ (Liga Przyjaciol Zolnierzy - Soldiers' Friend League) is a civilian league which gives books, training aids and booklets to soldiers and military units.
5. Political education of Polish youth along Soviet lines is particularly emphasized in the army. In lectures, readings, gatherings of soldiers, organizational and party meetings, and in the daily dayroom sessions, hatred for the western powers is taught to the soldier. Twice weekly, a two hour special political lecture period is conducted by political or line officers who have been especially briefed; material is prepared by the Glowny Zarzad Polityczny (Chief Political Office). These lectures concern such subjects as: "Anglo-American Imperialism - Enemy of Peace and Enemy to Free Poland", "American Imperialism Wants to Rule the World", "The Vatican is the Servant of American Imperialism and the Enemy of the Polish State", "Anglo-American Imperialism is Resurrecting German Militarism in Western Germany", "Racial Discrimination in the USA", and "Who Rules in the USA". The emphasis on hatred is carried on down into the regular training schedule; and even to the firing range where innumerable slogans such as, "Learn to master the strong arms of the new order, for through this you strengthen our National Citizens Defense against the wills of the Anglo-American imperialists" and "Fire well, for before you is the enemy, the Anglo-American imperialist", are shouted out to the men receiving instruction on the firing line.

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Passive Anti-Air Defense

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6. There is no radar or radio AA equipment in the Zawidow (Seidenberg) - Luban (Lauban) - Lesna (Marklissa) - Zgorzelec (Goerlitz) area [redacted] in 1951 civilians and military personnel were learning how to spot American, French and British aircraft by using a booklet called "Obzamelt" (Obserwacyle Meldatkowanie - Observation Reporting). [redacted] the people actually showed very little interest in "Obzamelt".
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Alert Plans for WOP Units

7. Three alternate alert plans for strengthening border control have been set up in the WOP to be used, depending on the gravity of a situation; each is identified by a code name as follows:
- (a) "Snow" - so-called first variant (or degree of importance)
 - (b) "Fog" - so-called second variant (or degree of importance)
 - (c) "Hail" - so-called third variant (or degree of importance)
8. Alert signals are transmitted to the guard units by telephonogram from Br Hqs in the following manner: "Telephonogram No 5 Kresla 530 ordering "Snow" until called off, signed: Tower 530". Special secret instructions for each of the alert plans is kept by the CO of each guard unit in his security office, to be opened only when such an alert is ordered. In the case of the alert "Snow", the CO of the guard unit organizes the guard unit personnel to reinforce the line directed by the instructions for periods of eight to ten hours. He also dispatches troops on border strengthening missions as directed by instructions. At the same time, the guard unit maintains close contact and cooperation with the local units of UBPMO (Urzed Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego Milicja Obywatelska - Public Security Office, Citizen's Militia) and ORMO (Ochotna Rezerwa Milicja Obywatelska - Volunteer Reserve Citizen's Militia), if such units are in the area. The Inquiry Officer receives separate instructions in each type of alert. In the case of alert "Snow", the Inquiry Officer tightens the security of the area by linking contacts with his agents and with the civilian population in the area, with a view to controlling movements of civilians in a given village and locating any strangers in the area. In the event of any one of the three types of alerts, the Political Affairs Officer strengthens the local political situation by propaganda work among the soldiers at the guard unit as well as among the civilian population inside the border area. "Fog" and "Hail" alerts follow the same pattern except that in the alert "Fog", the soldiers are on special duty for 10 hours; in the alert "Hail" they are on special duty for 12 hours. Assigned missions are the same as in alert "Snow".

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Special Instructions

9. Special "chase" instructions in case of the escape of a person held at the border, or in the event of a person crossing the border into Poland or Czechoslovakia, are also held by unit CO's. In the event of the escape of a person held at the border, the element on border duty discovering the escape alerts the guard unit by prearranged signals, ie firing two green or red flares into the air in the direction of the guard post, or, if the duty element is close enough to the guard post, firing two to four rounds from the KBK or short bursts from the Pistolet Maszynowy (PPSh). On receiving these border signals, the Sergeant of the Guard unit immediately sends out a three man "chase" patrol with a tracking dog in the direction of the signal. He then informs the Bn CO of the incident by telephone. The Bn CO in turn informs the Brigade CO. A 15-20 man team with a tracking dog also is sent out from Bn. Usually the Bn CO personally goes to the unit responsible for the area of the escape or sends his Inquiry Officer or his Information Officer. If the Bn CO is not available at the time of an escape, the Political Officer takes charge of the chase.
10. The "chase" usually takes the following pattern. The element on border duty discovering the escape notifies the guard unit by the prearranged signals and then takes off after the escapee. When the guard unit three man "chase" patrol arrives at the scene of escape, the tracking dog is given freedom to pick up the scent and to discover where the escapee has been or is hiding. The Bn patrol closes all roads in the vicinity of the escape, checks and patrols all RR and bus stations, and, with the aid of soldiers of the guard unit, examines the nearby woods, forests, fields, and settlements. (Soldiers are not permitted to enter private dwellings.) During the time of the chase, the Inquiry Officer and the Intelligence Officer exert all efforts, with assistance of their agents and the civilian population, to locate and apprehend the escapee. The chase continues until apprehension of the escapee or until called off on orders from the Bn CO. Ambuscades are established when it has been learned from reliable sources that a border crossing is to be made at a particular place at a particular time. The ambuscade is made up of three to 20 soldiers armed with KBKs, PMs, RKMs, and hand grenades.

Border Duty Schedule

11. The 2000 to 2000 hours daily operational plan for organizing border duty has a definite order. At 1200 hours each day the CO of each guard unit receives the situation mission for the next 24 hours from the Bn CO. In this paper the Bn CO briefly cites the latest intelligence data, linking it to the political situation and terrain in a guard unit's particular region. He recommends where the stronger border duty elements should be and how the region should be alerted during the 24 hour period. The CO of a guard unit adds his own plans and any recommendations of his Intelligence Officer or NCO.

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12. In the guard unit organizational plan, a two soldier team constitutes an "element". One is armed with a PM or PPSH and 71 rounds of ammo, the other with a KBK and 30 rounds of ammo. The normal tour of duty is eight hours. During winter, this tour is broken up into two 4-hour periods. Posts and patrols are checked at 0400, 0600, 1000, 1400, 1800, 2000 and 2400 hours. At night searchlights are used as control aids.

Posts and Patrols of WOP Guard Units

13. Roving guard elements on eight hour tours of duty are assigned large areas to patrol. During the night these elements are assigned listening posts which are established at all places where attempts at border crossing are likely to take place (forests, groves, along roads and footpaths leading to the border line, at crossroads outside of settlements, and other places where border crossing attempts have been made). These posts are always concealed. Foot patrols are established to investigate all forest land and groves which are 100 m in depth, and all empty buildings and dwellings, as well as to observe all food and fodder storage places on both sides of the border in their area or post. Walking posts covering two to three kilometers are assigned elements with basically the same duties as the foot patrols. Mounted patrols are sent out on missions farther from the guard unit, but only into territory that is comparatively safe, and only under certain circumstances. Their mission is the same as that of the foot patrols. District (or Area) control patrols are of a reserve nature to be used anywhere in the area of responsibility of a unit as the need may arise. The patrol may or may not have a trained guard dog. Officer and NCO patrols are organized to check thoroughly all personnel on posts and on patrol in the sector for violations of orders. All violations are noted in a border-guard book.
14. Border patrol elements use crudely constructed four legged wooden towers for observation posts which are 20-30 feet high for daytime observation along the border. Each tower is of a permanent nature and is equipped with a telephone line direct to the guard unit headquarters. Sentries are equipped with field glasses and a notebook. All important observations such as the approach of unknown personages to the border (from either direction) are reported immediately by phone to the guard unit headquarters. Less important observations are cited in the notebook.
15. A control out-post is a type which is composed of a 23 man border patrol element, usually established at important crossroads where there is bus, auto, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The mission is to check everyone in the area for proper identification and to enforce area restrictions. Persons found to have improper identification or who are illegally in the area are held by virtue of out-post procedure and are taken to the guard unit headquarters or to the 7th Section (Security Section) of Bn Hqs for special investigation. Control out-posts are of a permanent nature. Tour of duty is 24 hours.

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SECRETClassification of Documents in WOP

16. Documents are classified as follows:

- (a) Pismo Zwyczajne: Usual Document (might be Restricted)
- (b) Pismo Tajne : Secret Document
- (c) Pismo Scisle Tajne: Top (Most) Secret Document
- (d) Pismo Serja K: Highest classification of secret documents

17. NCOs (sergeants) and all officers have authority to classify documents up to Pismo Serja K (Series K Documents). Upgrading and downgrading of classification can be made only in the Security Section (5th Section) of Brigade. 50X1

two instruction books for classification: Instrukcja Prowadzenia Dokumentacji na Straznicach WOP -(Instructions for Conducting Document Classification at WOP Guard Units) and (Instrukcja Przechowywania Pis Tajnych na Straznicach WOP Instruction for Safeguarding Secret and Top Secret Documents at WOP Guard Units). Monthly codes for use on telephone, etc, at guard units are classified Top Secret, instruction bulletins Usual or Restricted and training programs involving special type training, Secret.

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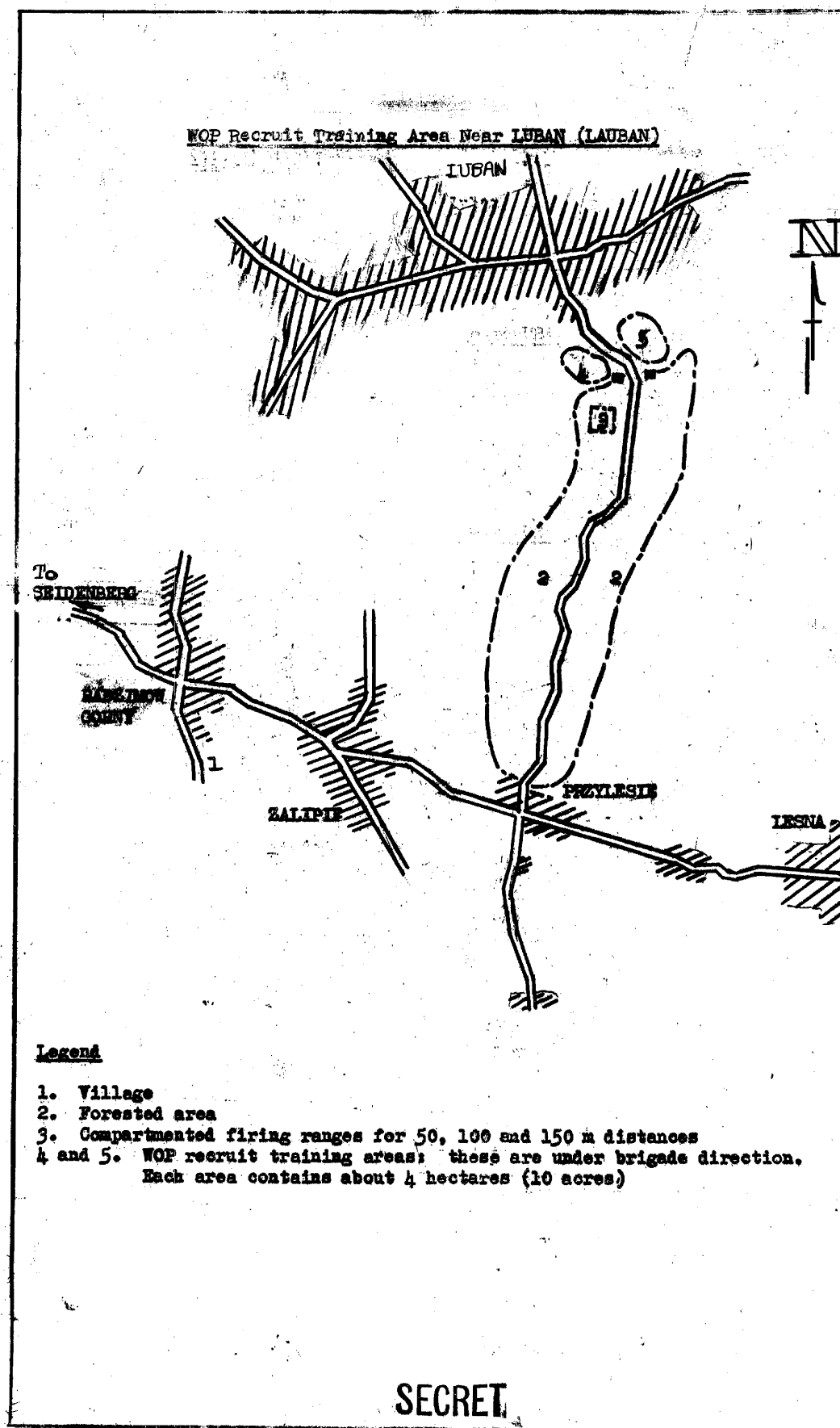
- ENCLOSURE (A): Map of WOP Recruit Training Area near Luban (Lauban) 50X1
50X1 with legend.
- (B): Town Plan of Zawidow (Seidenberg) 50X1 with legend.
- (C): Map of 8th WOP Brigade Compound in Luban (Lauban) 50X1 with legend.

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13. Crossroads and overpass where there was a permanent three-man GPK post of the ZAWIDOW-ZGORZELEC GPK
14. Library for the workers of the woollens factory at 12
15. State Silk Factory
16. State Advisory Community building - making of legal contracts, etc.
17. "Siew" farm machinery factory (limited production)
18. Former German asbestos factory now used as dormitories for the workers of the factory at 12
19. Former palace with park
20. Houses of the town inhabitants
21. Compartment firing range, 150 m long; used by the 10th Guard Unit for firing carbines and SMGs
22. Control point of the 10th Guard Unit. These control points are maintained at all main crossroads and road junctions

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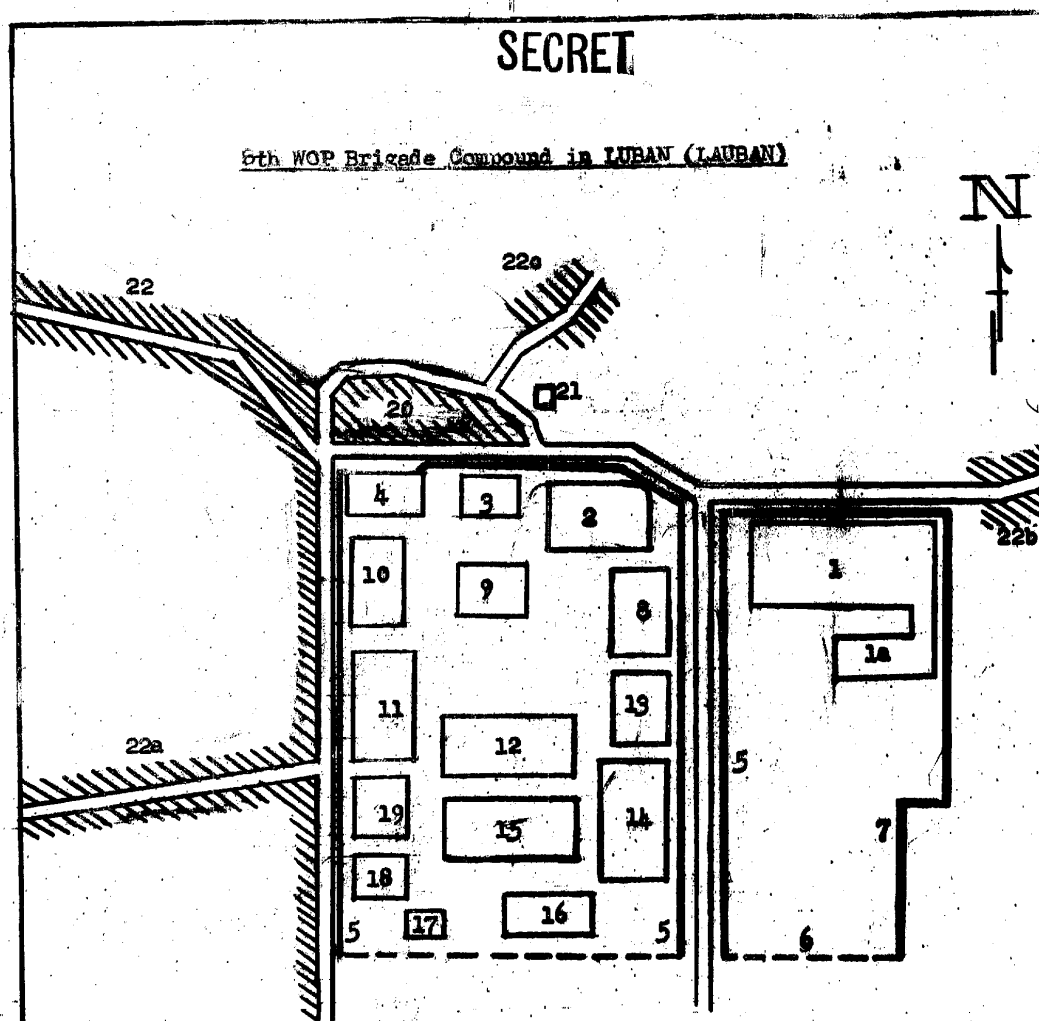
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| a. Okrzeji | j. Szeroka |
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| c. Lubanska | l. Mikołaja |
| d. Szkolna | m. Wileza |
| e. Zgorzelecka | n. Stalina |
| f. Roli Zymierskiego | o. Kosciuszko |
| g. Koscielna | p. Warszawska |
| h. Graniczna | q. Dworcowa |
| i. Grunwaldska | r. Spokojna |

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ENCLOSURE (C)

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Legend

1. Three story brick building of the 8th WOP Brigade with annex (1a); used as headquarters and offices
2. EM barrack
3. Provost Marshall building - investigation and arrest
4. Officers casino, mess and transient hotel
5. Brick walls
6. Wire fence
7. Cement and steel picket fence
8. Special affairs (7th Sec) building - three stories
9. Officers club
10. EM barrack
11. EM barrack
12. EM barrack
13. Supply warehouse (contents not known)
14. EM barrack and messhall
15. EM barrack and dispensary
16. Garage building
17. Supply warehouse (contents not known)
18. Car garage with repair facilities
19. Gymnasium
20. Billets for both single and married officers
21. Home of the 8th WOP Brigade CO
- 22a, b, and c. Homes of German civilians living near the compound

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